

**CHAPTER 3.14**

**ENERGY CODE**

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**3.14.010 ADOPTION OF WASHINGTON STATE ENERGY CODE.** The 2021 Washington State Energy Code, Chapter 51-11R WAC (residential) and Chapter 51-11C WAC (commercial), as now adopted or hereafter amended by the State of Washington, are hereby adopted by Benton County and all structures hereafter erected or constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, removed, demolished or converted shall be done in conformity with the provisions of the Washington State Energy Code, except as expressly provided herein.

[Ord. 198 (1986) § 1; Ord. 398 (2004) § 3; Ord. 653 (2024) § 1]

**3.14.040 ADMINISTRATION.** The Benton County Building Department shall have responsibility for the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

[Ord. 198 (1986) § 4; Ord. 398 (2004) § 4; Ord. 653 (2024) § 2]

**3.14.050 VIOLATIONS - PENALTIES.** (a) Upon a finding of a first violation of any provision of this chapter, any person or contractor shall be punished by a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for said violation, shall be responsible for court costs, if applicable, and shall be ordered to pay restitution for any damages caused by said violation.

(b) Upon the court's finding of a second or subsequent violation of the same provision of this chapter, any person or contractor shall be found guilty of a misdemeanor.

[Ord. 198 (1986) § 5; Ord. 304 (1997) § 4]

**3.14.060 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.** Notwithstanding the existence or use of any other remedy or means of enforcement of the provisions hereof, Benton County may seek legal or equitable relief to enjoin any acts or practices which constitute a violation of any of the provisions hereof and compel compliance with all provisions of this chapter. The costs of such action shall be taxed against the person violating the provisions of this chapter. The Building and Fire Prevention Department may accept a written assurance of discontinuance of any act in violation of this chapter from any person who has engaged in such act. Failure to comply with the assurance of discontinuance shall be a further violation of this chapter.

[Ord. 198 (1986) § 6]

**3.14.070 SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this chapter is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of the chapter and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

[Ord. 198 (1986) § 7]

**3.14.080 EFFECTIVE DATE.** This chapter shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage and adoption.

[Ord. 198 (1986) § 8; Ord. 398 (2004) § 6; Ord. 653 (2024) § 3]